# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Are You Sure Your Diamond Are Real?` appearing in the Times of India (New Delhi Edition) dated September 18, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Laboratory Producted Stones (LPS) from Russia and United States are flooding the Indian market and some jewellers are selling them as diamonds;

(c) if so, whether the Government have taken any action against the Jewellers and are contemplating to ban these LPS called `Moissanites`;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not known to what extent domestic jewellers may be selling simulants as real diamonds.

(c) to (e) : Ban on import of `Moissanites` also termed as synthetic Moissanites may not be appropriate, if they are imported in accordance with the Exim Policy and Customs Laws.The question of penal action would arise only if such stones are fraudulently sold as natural diamonds. Customers should seek certification or testing from retail jewellers to satisfy themselves about the genuineness of diamonds purchased.